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### American Association of Law Libraries

The third number of the "Index to legal periodicals and Law library journal" dated October, 1908, was issued early in December. Four titles are added to the list of periodicals indexed, making 37 in all that are now indexed by authors and subjects. Forty pages are devoted to printing a selection from the papers presented at the third annual meeting at Lake Minnetonka. Among these, worthy of particular mention are "Legislative reference work and law library" by C. B. Lester and "The bibliography of Canadian statute law" by W. George Eakins.

### COMMITTEES

#### Bookbinding

In October the following letter was sent to 30 of the leading publishers in the country:

The A. L. A. Committee on Binding has received a number of complaints relating to the universal method which publishers adopt of inserting unpagged illustrations. At present all illustrations, whether in a work of fiction or in books of a less ephemeral character, are tipped with a little paste to the adjoining signature. The result is that they become loose and are either lost or stolen long before the book shows signs of wear. This is very annoying to public libraries. Especially annoying is the method adopted in some cases of tipping an illustration to a blank page by the two upper corners.

From the library's standpoint it is self-evident that all illustrations should be guarded, the guard folded around adjoining signature and sewed through. No illustrations should be tipped to blank pages. The adoption of such a method would cause the publishers very little extra expense, and would add much to the value of a book for library use. We believe that it would also be a great benefit to the general public.

Replies were received from 9 publishers. One or two of the publishers claimed that the recommendations of the Committee were being followed in their publications and all of them agreed to give the matter consideration. Very little effect, however,

will result from the recommendations of the Committee unless librarians make a special effort to send personal letters whenever books of any publisher offend in the manner indicated. If illustrations are properly placed in a book it will do away with a great amount of work in the repair rooms.

### THE EDITOR'S TABLE

(Appropriate current library literature will be noted in this column if sent to J. I. Wyer, Jr., State Library, Albany, N. Y.)

**Alabama Department of archives and history.** Laws governing the Department of archives and history. 20p. O.

A convenient summary of the text of all laws defining the scope and duties of this unique department which is charged with library extension and legislative reference work for Alabama.

**Brooklyn public library.** International peace; a list of books with references to periodicals. 53p. 1908.

--Abraham Lincoln, a list of Lincoln's writings and works relating to Lincoln in the Brooklyn public library. 24p. 1909.

No periodical references are given.

**Columbia university library.** Material by and about Edgar Allan Poe to be found in the library of Columbia university. 18p. 1909.

135 titles in which number periodical articles are included. There are a few brief notes.

**Dana, J. C.** Modern American library economy as illustrated by the Newark, N. J. free public library. Part 1, The lending department. Section 1, The work of the registration desk by Sara C. Van de Carr. 31p. O. Elm tree press, Woodstock, Vermont. 25c.

Each department or subdivision of a department will be separately treated in similar detailed fashion. The whole series may be subscribed for in advance. This first pamphlet is the most thorough, careful and